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ANNUAL REPORTS
of the
Town of Mason
New Hampshire



For the Year Ending
January 31, 1921

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Selectmen and Treasurer

OF THE

Town of Mason

TOGETHER WITH THE REPORTS OF

ROAD AGENTS, SCHOOL BOARD AND OTHER OFFI-
CERS OF THE TOWN AND SCHOOL DISTRICT

FOR THE

Financial Year Ending January 31, 1921

ALSO VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE

Year Ending December 31, 1920

MANCHESTER, N. H.
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TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator.

ALBERT B. EATON.

Clerk and Treasurer.

JAMES E. WILSON.

Selectmen.

EDGAR S. KENNEDY.

STANLEY A. FLAGG.

JOHN T. SMITH.

Tax Collector.

ALBERT B. EATON.

Auditor.

FRED W. HILL.

Highway Agents.

ALEXANDER McLEAN

RAY WHITTIER

CHARLES L. BARNES.

Supervisors of Checklist.

FRED W. HILL

CHARLES R. FARWELL

JAMES O. REED.

Health Officer.

EDGAR S. KENNEDY.

Library Trustees.

TRACY EATON

HARRIETT WHITAKER

ALEXANDER McLEAN.

Trustees of the Boynton School Fund.

HERMAN WHITAKER ALEXANDER McLEAN
JAMES O. REED EVERETT H. WHITAKER

Trustees of the Stearns' Common School Bequest.

ALBERT B. EATON JAMES O. REED
JOHN T. SMITH.

Trustees of Cemeteries.

ALEXANDER McLEAN STANLEY A. FLAGG
ALBERT B. EATON.

School District Clerk and Treasurer.

JAMES E. WILSON.

Ballot Clerks.

SAMUEL DAVIS FRANK B. FARWELL
GEORGE ARNOLD FRED W. HILL

Constable.

STANLEY A. FLAGG.

Police.

JAMES W. WHARFF ROBERT S. GAILEY
WALDO B. NEWELL.

Fire Wardens.

JOHN T. SMITH GEORGE C. ARNOLD
STANLEY A. FLAGG JAMES O. REED

Librarian.

DORIS M. FLAGG.

Janitor.

JAMES W. WHARFF

TOWN WARRANT

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

To the inhabitants of the Town of Mason, in the County of Hillsborough, in said State, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

[L. s.]

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town House in said Mason on Tuesday, the eighth (8) day of March next, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary town officers.
2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriation of the same.
3. To choose one trustee of Boynton Common School Fund.
4. To choose one trustee of the Stearns Common Bequest.
5. To choose one trustee of cemeteries for three years.
6. To see what sum of money the town will raise and appropriate for library purposes.
7. To choose one trustee for the Mason free library.
8. To see what sum of money the town will raise and appropriate for repairs of highways and bridges.
9. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for care of cemeteries.
10. To see if the town will vote to make any discount on taxes if paid on or before Saturday, June 4, 1921.

11. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for Memorial purposes.

12. To see if the town will vote to accept the provisions of the state law necessary to receive the benefit of State Aid for permanent improvements of highways.

13. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for winter roads.

14. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for Old Home Day celebration.

15. To see if the town will vote to raise the salary of the Town Clerk and Treasurer.

16. To bring in your ballots upon each of the questions submitted by the convention to Revise the Constitution relative to the amendments proposed by said convention at a session held on January 28, 1921.

17. To see if the town will purchase a two-horse road machine and raise and appropriate money for the same.

Given under our hands and seal, this fifteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and twenty-one (1921).

EDGAR S. KENNEDY,
STANLEY A. FLAGG,
JOHN T. SMITH,

Selectmen of Mason.

A true copy of warrant—Attest:

EDGAR S. KENNEDY,
STANLEY A. FLAGG,
JOHN T. SMITH,

Selectmen of Mason.

VALUATION OF THE TOWN, APRIL 1, 1920.

Land and buildings	\$300,030.00
83 Horses	9,900.00
143 Cows	12,070.00
24 Neat	1,185.00
Portable mills	1,250.00
Stock in trade	900.00
Money on hand	2,341.00
Wood and lumber	20,300.00
Bonds	1,000.00
Vehicles	200.00
110 Fowls	147.00
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Total	\$349,323.00
Exemptions	2,940.00
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	\$346,383.00

Polls, 83.

Taxes, \$9,731.25.

Tax rate, \$2.77.

APPROPRIATIONS, 1920.

State tax	\$1,095.00
Special State tax	196.00
County tax	617.52
Town charges	600.00
Town Notes	3,600.00
Library	30.00
Highways	1,000.00
Cemeteries	35.00
Memorial	35.00
State Aid construction	523.50
State Aid maintenance	154.75
White Pine blister	100.00
Schools	2,200.00
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	\$10,136.77

Assets.

Cash on hand January 31, 1921.....	\$656.41
Due from A. B. Eaton, collector, 1920.....	1,050.46
Due from state, bounties.....	2.40
Liberty bond	500.00
Due from State for State Aid construction.....	313.80
Cash in state treasury, State Aid maintenance...	51.62
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	\$2,574.69

Liabilities.

Soldiers' Monument	\$100.00
Old pound appropriation	10.00
North Cemetery appropriation	80.00
Repairs on Horse shed, appropriation	28.63
Repairs for hearse, appropriation	30.00
Common improvement	50.00
State Aid maintenance	51.62
State Aid construction	523.50
White pine blister, appropriation.....	100.00
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	\$973.75
Excess of assets	1,600.94
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	\$2,574.69

RECEIPTS.

Current Revenue.

For local taxes:

Property and poll taxes, current year.....	\$8,966.18
Property and poll taxes for 1919.....	726.65

From State:

Railroad tax	297.70
Savings Bank tax	304.33
State aid, maintenance.....	197.37

Local sources except taxes:

Interest on Liberty Bonds.....	\$21.25
Bounty on hedgehogs.....	15.00
Rent of hall	50.50
Dog tax	89.90
Stearns Common School Bequest.....	472.75
Boynton fund	504.54
Mathews' estate	25.00
Motor vehicle permits.....	80.62
Note, Acct. Townsend National Bank.....	3,000.00
School refund	10.30
J. W. Wharff, refund.....	3.00
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	\$14,765.09

TOWN OFFICERS' SALARIES.

After Settlement, 1919.

E. S. Kennedy.....	\$28.00
Stanley A. Flagg.....	15.00
John T. Smith.....	22.50

1920 Town Officers' Salaries.

E. S. Kennedy.....	\$96.25
Stanley A. Flagg.....	89.75
John T. Smith.....	93.75
James E. Wilson, clerk.....	40.00
James E. Wilson, treasurer.....	30.00
James E. Wilson, auto licenses.....	4.25
A. B. Eaton, tax collector.....	50.00
A. B. Eaton, moderator.....	6.00
A. B. Eaton, treasurer Stearns bequest.....	10.30
Herman Whitaker, treasurer Boynton fund..	4.00
Fred W. Hill, auditor.....	2.50
Nellie G. Amsden, librarian.....	12.00
Doris Flagg, librarian.....	13.00

\$517.30

TOWN OFFICERS' EXPENSES.

J. B. Clarke Co., reports.....	\$106.00
Simpson Campbell Co., bonds.....	12.00
E. S. Kennedy, expense to Manchester.....	6.60
John T. Smith, expense to Manchester.....	6.60
E. S. Kennedy, team expense.....	11.00
E. S. Kennedy, postage, telephone, etc.....	6.68
James E. Wilson, telephone and postage.....	2.94
A. B. Eaton, expense to Manchester.....	7.12
A. B. Eaton, stationery.....	4.99
E. S. Kennedy, clerical work.....	8.00
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	\$171.93

ELECTION AND REGISTRATION EXPENSE.

Charles R. Farwell.....	\$17.50
Frank B. Farwell.....	12.00
Fred W. Hill.....	20.00
S. H. Davis.....	10.00
E. S. Kennedy.....	8.00
John T. Smith.....	8.00
Stanley A. Flagg.....	8.00
T. H. Rhoades.....	8.00
James E. Wilson.....	8.00
A. B. Eaton.....	8.00
J. O. Reed.....	7.50
Alfred Sargent	2.00
Jason Russell	2.00
George C. Arnold.....	8.00
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	\$127.00

GENERAL EXPENSES OF DEPARTMENT.

C. R. Farwell, agent for wagon.....	\$10.30
H. E. Whitaker, Old Home Day appropriation	15.00
H. D. Boynton, M. D., returning certificates....	1.25

H. H. Churchill, shovels.....	\$3.50
T. Walsh, repairing scraper.....	2.00
E. S. Kennedy, expense of Mathews estate..	3.50
Lizzie G. Kimball, water trough maintenance	3.00
James E. Wilson, supplies.....	6.90
Byron D. Pease, M. D., returning certificates	1.25
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	\$46.70

CARE OF TOWN HALL.

James W. Wharff, janitor	\$50.03
James W. Wharff: supplies	21.85
Henry F. Farrar, lamps	28.85
E. S. Kennedy, labor	3.50
Damon & Richardson	1.00
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	\$105.23

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Stanley A. Flagg.....	\$5.00
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HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT.

Charles L. Barnes	\$348.00
Alexander McLean	430.36
Roy Whittier	262.95
Selectmen	110.00
Jason Russell	17.00
W. I. Heald	15.00
H. Churchill	2.50
H. E. Whitaker	5.95
C. E. Emerson	3.35
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	\$1,195.11

Work on Washout.

John T. Smith	\$22.00	
C. L. Barnes	20.00	
E. S. Kennedy	20.00	
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		\$62.00
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Total		\$1,257.11

ROAD AGENTS' ACCOUNT.

ALEXANDER McLEAN, Road Agent.

May Account.

William Denning, 17 days at \$4 per day.....	\$68.00
George Arnold, 1 day at \$4 per day.....	4.00
Alexander McLean, 2 $\frac{3}{8}$ days at \$4 per day.....	9.50
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	\$81.50

June Account.

E. H. Russell, 7 days, team	\$56.00
George Arnold, 12 hours, team.....	10.68
Guy C. Arnold, 2 days.....	7.92
A. W. Brown, 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ days.....	26.00
Tracy A. Eaton, 13 $\frac{1}{4}$ days, team.....	14.00
Alexander McLean, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ days	11.25
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	\$125.85

August Account.

Fred L. Brown, 6 days, 7 hours.....	\$30.25
E. H. Russell, 3 days, 2 hours, team.....	25.80
Jason Russell, 1 day	4.00
George Arnold, 1 hour.....	.45
Alexander McLean, 10 days, 7 hours.....	48.50
A. W. Brown, 4 hours	1.80
Jason Russell, cutting brush	17.00
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	\$127.80

Road Account from September 6 to Dec. 31.

Washout Repairs.

Fred L. Brown, 1 day, team.....	\$8.00
Charles F. Wheeler, 3 days, 7 hours.....	15.15
W. R. Everett, 4 days, 1/2 hour.....	16.23
H. P. Everett, 2 1/2 hours, horse.....	.57
H. P. Everett, 2 1/2 hours.....	1.12
Jason Russell, 4 days, 5 3/4 hours.....	18.58
Jason Russell, 1 3/4 hours.....	.78
Kosta Oiklemus, 10 loads gravel.....	1.00
Alexander McLean, repairing road scraper.....	.25
E. H. Russell, 3 days, 7 hours, team.....	30.30
George C. Arnold, 1 day, 1/2 hour.....	4.23
Guy C. Arnold, 1 day.....	4.00
Alexander McLean, 3 days.....	12.00
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	\$112.21

ROY WHITTIER, ROAD AGENT.

June Account.

G. O. Reed, 10 1/2 days, team.....	\$84.00
George Churchill, 8 days.....	28.00
Roy Whittier, 7 hours.....	2.45
Lester Leverington, 7 days, 3 hours.....	26.00
John Ferren, 9 days.....	31.50
John Wiik, 7 days.....	24.50
Eugene Marceau, 7 days, team.....	56.00
Oscar Marceau, 1 day.....	3.50
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	\$255.95

August Account.

Roy Whittier, 2 days.....	\$7.00
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Selectmen Account on Whittier's Section.

C. L. Barnes, 2 days, team.....	\$16.00
C. L. Barnes, 1½ days.....	6.00
R. S. Gailey, 3 days.....	24.00
John I. Smith, 3 days.....	12.00
S. A. Flagg, 3 days.....	12.00
C. E. Emerson, 3 days.....	12.00
E. S. Kennedy, 5 days.....	20.00
H. Foster, 2 days.....	8.00

\$110.00

CHARLES L. BARNES, ROAD AGENT.

May Account.

C. L. Barnes, 12 days, team.....	\$96.00
C. L. Barnes, 2½ days, team.....	10.00
R. S. Gailey, 6½ days, team.....	52.00
R. S. Gailey, 1½ days,	6.00
J. T. Smith, 7½ days.....	30.00
C. E. Emerson, 7 days.....	28.00
Harry Foster, 13½ days.....	54.00

\$276.00

July Account.

Ernest Barnes, 3 days.....	\$12.00
C. L. Barnes, 2 days.....	8.00

\$20.00

August Account.

Ernest Barnes, 4½ days.....	\$18.00
C. L. Barnes, 4 days, team.....	32.00
C. L. Barnes, ½ day.....	2.00

\$52.00

Washout in December, 1920.

R. S. Gailey, 1 day, team.....	\$8.00
C. E. Emerson, 1 day.....	4.00
N. Emerson, 1 day.....	4.00
J. T. Smith, 1 day.....	4.00
E. S. Kennedy, ½ day.....	2.00
E. S. Kennedy, 4 days.....	16.00
Alva Stuart, ½ day.....	2.00
S. A. Flagg, ½ day.....	2.00
R. S. Gailey, 1 day.....	4.00
R. S. Gailey, 1 day.....	8.00
C. L. Barnes, 1 day.....	4.00
H. Miller, 1 day.....	4.00
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	\$62.00

STATE AID MAINTENANCE.

Charles L. Barnes.....	\$183.00
Roy Whittier	16.75
E. S. Kennedy.....	172.75
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	\$372.50

STATE AID MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT.

C. L. Barnes, 1 day	\$4.00
R. S. Gailey, 1 day, team.....	8.00
C. E. Emerson, 1 day	4.00
C. L. Barnes, 1 day, team.....	8.00
H. Foster, 1 day	4.00
Ray Whittier, scraping	12.00
Ray Whittier, repairing bridge.....	4.75
Ernest Barnes, 3 days.....	12.00
C. L. Barnes, ¾ days, team	6.00
C. L. Barnes, 3 ¼ days,	13.00

R. S. Gailey, 5 days, team.....	\$40.00
J. T. Smith, 4 days.....	16.00
C. E. Emerson, 5 days.....	20.00
H. Foster, 2 days	8.00
C. L. Barnes, 3 days	12.00
C. L. Barnes, 2 days, team	16.00
S. A. Flagg, 3 days	12.00
C. L. Barnes, 3 hours, team.....	24.00
R. S. Gailey, 3 hours, team.....	24.00
J. T. Smith, 2 days, team.....	8.00
S. A. Flagg, 3 days, team.....	12.00
E. S. Kennedy, 3 days, team.....	12.00
C. E. Emerson, 3 days, team.....	12.00
H. Foster, 2 days, team.....	8.00
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	\$299.75

STATE AID MAINTENANCE.

November.

E. F. Farrar, scraping	\$16.75
E. S. Kennedy, labor	5.00
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	\$21.75

Replanking Bridge.

H. E. Whitaker, plank	\$28.95
E. S. Kennedy, labor	5.00
E. S. Kennedy, 2 trips to bridge.....	4.00
S. A. Flagg, labor	5.00
John Ferren, labor	3.00
15 lbs. nails	1.05
Tracy Eaton, teaming	4.00
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	\$51.00

WINTER ROADS.

Vivaldo Elliott	\$448.75
Charles L. Barnes	500.75
Alexander McLean	285.76
Eugene Marceau	381.21
E. C. Melvin	12.50
E. S. Kennedy	19.00
C. R. Farwell	14.00
Lucius Elliott	32.00
W. B. Newell	5.50
F. B. Farwell	9.50
H. E. Whitaker	26.25
E. H. Whitaker	20.50
Stanley A. Flagg	29.00
A. W. Brown	28.75
Alva Stuart	21.50
E. F. Reed	17.38
J. E. Wilson	7.00
Wm. Onion	8.00
Guy Washburn	1.75
Conroy G. Wharff	6.75
R. S. Gailey	5.50
H. D. Babb	8.00
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	\$1,889.35

TOWN CHARGE.

Albert B. Eaton, services for Cora Flagg, burial..	\$15.00
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EDUCATION.

James E. Wilson, District Treasurer.....	\$3,969.43
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LIBRARY APPROPRIATION.

Alexander McLean	\$30.00
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MEMORIAL APPROPRIATION.

Ellery F. Reed	\$35.00
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CEMETERY APPROPRIATION.

Albert B. Eaton	\$35.00
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BOUNTIES.

Paid out for bounties	\$2.40
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HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

E. S. Kennedy	\$11.50
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VITAL STATISTICS.

James E. Wilson	\$3.00
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STATE AND COUNTY TAX.

State tax	\$640.07
Extra poll tax.....	152.00
County tax	617.52
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	\$1,409.59

Received from state:

Bank tax	\$304.33
Railroad tax	297.70

TOWN NOTES.

Paid Townsend National Bank.....	\$3,664.70
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ABATEMENTS.

Ernest Cook	\$3.00
William Jackson	3.00

RECAPITULATION.

Town officers' salaries.....	\$517.30
Town officers' expenses.....	171.93
Election and registration.....	127.00
General expense of department.....	46.70
Highway department	1,257.11
State aid maintenance.....	372.50
Winter roads	1,889.35
Care of town hall.....	105.23
Police	5.00
Town charge	15.00
Education	3,969.43
Library	30.00
Memorial	35.00
Cemeteries	35.00
Bounties	2.40
Health department	11.50
Vital statistics	3.00
State and county taxes.....	1,409.59
Town notes paid Townsend National Bank..	3,664.70
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Total	\$13,667.74

Respectfully submitted,

EDGAR S. KENNEDY,
 STANLEY A. FLAGG,
 JOHN T. SMITH,

Selectmen of Mason.

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER.

For Year Ending January 31, 1921.

Balance on hand January 31, 1920.....	\$161.09
Received of Herman Whitaker, Treasurer:	
Boynton Common School fund.....	504.54
A. B. Eaton, treasurer of Stearns Common School fund bequest.....	472.75
A. B. Eaton, 1919 taxes.....	726.65
A. B. Eaton, 1920 taxes.....	8,966.18
Selectmen, other sources.....	3,492.94
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	\$14,324.15
Selectmen's orders drawn on treasurer.....	13,667.74
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Balance on hand.....	\$656.41
Balance at bank after all orders paid shows.....	\$750.11

JAMES E. WILSON,
Town Treasurer.

DR.

Received for dog taxes.....	\$89.90
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Paid district treasurer.....	\$89.90
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AUDITOR'S REPORT.

MASON, N. H., February 4, 1921.

Having examined the accounts of town treasurer, selectmen and tax collector, I find them to be correctly cast and with proper vouchers.

FRED W. HILL,
Auditor.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE BOYNTON COMMON SCHOOL FUND.

The fund of \$10,000 is invested as follows:

4 \$1,000 5 per cent New England Power Co. Bonds.

4 \$1,000 5 per cent Grafton Co. Bonds.

2 \$1,000 4½ per cent Liberty Bonds.

\$494.70 4 per cent in Manchester Savings Bank.

Amount of interest received and paid to town treasurer,
\$504.54.

HERMON WHITAKER,
Treasurer.

HERMON WHITAKER,
ALEXANDER McLEAN,
TRACY A. EATON,
JAMES O. REED,
EVERETT H. WHITAKER,
Trustees.

MASON, N. H., January 31, 1921.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF THE STEARNS COMMON SCHOOL BEQUEST.

For the Year Ending January 31, 1921.

Income Received.

Interest U. S. Liberty Bond.....	\$21.25
Laconia Gas and Electric Bond....	300.00
Keene Gas and Electric Bond.....	100.00
Ashuelot Gas and Electric Bond...	50.00
of Ernest Bernier	1.50

Total receipts for support of schools.... \$472.75

Payments.

Paid town treasurer..... \$472.75

Other Receipts.

Ernest Bernier on mortgage.....	\$50.00
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Other Payments.

Paid on U. S. Liberty Bonds.....	\$20.00
Deposited in bank.....	30.00

\$50.00

The bequest is invested as follows:

Laconia Gas and Electric Bonds.....	\$6,000.00
Keene Gas and Electric Bonds.....	2,000.00
Ashuelot Gas and Electric Bonds.....	1,000.00
U. S. Liberty Bonds.....	600.00
Manchester Savings Bank.....	78.50
Mortgage on real estate in Greenville.....	375.00

\$10,053.50

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT B. EATON,

Treasurer.

JAMES O. REED,

ALBERT B. EATON,

JOHN T. SMITH,

Trustees.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF THE CEMETERY TRUSTEES.

For the Year Ending January 31, 1921.

Receipts.

Balance in the treasury February 1, 1920...	\$16.84
Town appropriation	35.00
For three lots in cemetery.....	6.00
Interest on U. S. Liberty Bonds.....	12.00

Total receipts	\$69.84
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Payments.

James W. Wharff, labor.....	\$11.00
Stanley A. Flagg, labor.....	15.50
A. B. Eaton, cash paid and labor..	19.50
A. B. Eaton, care of Dunster, Eaton and Adams lots.....	12.00
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Total payments	\$57.00
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Balance in treasury.....	\$12.84

Perpetual Care Funds.

Dunster Fund	\$100.00
Veron Eaton Fund.....	100.00
William A. Adams Fund.....	100.00
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Total fund	\$300.00
Invested in U. S. Liberty Bonds.....	\$300.00
In Mason Village Savings Bank.....	5.41
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Total	\$305.41

Respectfully submitted,
 ALBERT B. EATON,
Treasurer.

STANLEY A. FLAGG,
 ALEXANDER McLEAN,
 ALBERT B. EATON,
Trustees.

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF

Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the Ensuing Year,
Revenue and Expenditures of the Previous

SOURCES OF REVENUE.	Actual revenue previous year, 1920.	Estimated revenue ensuing year, 1921.	In- crease.	De- crease.
From State:				
Railroad Tax	\$287.70	\$287.70	.....	.....
Savings Bank Tax.....	304.33	304.33	.....	.....
For Fighting Forest Fires.....	.....	30.00	\$30.00	.....
For Highways				
(a) For State Aid Mainte- nance,...	197.37	125.00	.....	\$72.37
Bounties	15.00	15.00	.....	.....
From Local Sources Except Taxes:				
All Licenses and Permits except				
Dog Licenses	80.62	85.00	4.38	.....
Rent of Town Hall and Other				
Buildings	50.50	50.00	.....	.50
Mathews Estate	25.00	.....	.....	25.00
Refunds	13.30	.....	.....	13.30
Liberty Bond interest.....	21.25	21.25	.....	.....
From Poll Taxes.....	405.00	405.00	.....	.....
Revenue Applicable Only to New Construction and Improve- ments:				
From State:				
(a) For State Aid Highway Construction	313.80	313.80	.....	.....
Amount Raised by Issue of Bonds or Notes.....	3,000.00	3,000.00	.....	.....
Revenue Which Must Be Paid to Other Governmental Divi- sions:				
Boynton Fund	504.54	504.54	.....	.....
Stearns Bequest	472.75	472.75	.....	.....
Dog Licenses	89.90	89.90	.....	.....
Total Revenues from All Sources Except Property Taxes	\$5,781.06	\$2,704.27	\$34.38	\$3,110.67
Amount Raised by Property Taxes	10,136.25	7,824.24	34.38	3,110.67
Total Revenues	\$15,917.31	\$10,528.51	.....	.....

MASON, NEW HAMPSHIRE.

January 31, 1921, to January 31, 1922, compared with Actual
Year, January 31, 1920, to January 31, 1921.

PURPOSE OF EXPENDITURES.	Actual expenditures previous year, 1920.	Estimated expenditures ensuing year, 1921.	In- crease.	'De- crease.
Current Maintenance Expenses:				
General Government:				
Town Officers' Salaries.....	\$517.30	\$500.00	.....	\$17.30
Town Officers' Expenses....	171.93	175.00	\$3.67	.....
Election and Registration Expenses	127.00	50.00	.....	77.00
Care and Supplies for Town Hall	105.23	75.00	.....	30.23
Protection of Persons and Prop- erty:				
Police Department	5.00	15.00	10.00	.....
Fire Department	2.40	3.00	.60	.....
Moth Extermination	46.70	50.00	3.30	.....
Health:				
Health Department	11.50	.....	.....	1.50
Vital Statistics	3.00	3.00	.....	.....
Highways and Bridges:				
State Aid Maintenance:				
State's Contribution:.....	186.25	176.62	.....	9.63
Town's Contribution	186.25	176.62	.....	9.63
.....	1,889.35	500.00	.....	1 389.35
Town Maintenance	1,257.11	2,000.00	743.11	.....
Education:				
Libraries	30.00	30.00	.....	.....
Charities:				
Town Poor	15.00	.....	.....	15.00
Patriotic Purposes:				
Memorial Day and Other Celebrations	35.00	35.00	.....	.....
Public Service Enterprises:				
Cemeteries	35.00	100.00	65.00	.....
Interest:				
On Temporary Loans.....	64.70	.....	.....	64.70
Indebtedness:				
Payments on Principal of Debt:				
(b) Long Term Notes.....	3,600.00	.....	.....	3,600.00
Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:				
State Taxes	792.07	800.00	8.00	.....
County Taxes	617.52	625.00	8.52	.....
Payments to School Districts..	3,969.43	2,500.00	300.00	.....
Total Expenditures	\$13,667.74	\$7,824.24	\$1,203.60	\$5,214.34

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF MASON FREE LIBRARY.

Cash on hand February 1, 1920.....	\$0.47
Received from town.....	30.00
Fines85

Total	\$31.32
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Paid for books.....	\$29.02
Postage12
Amount on hand February 1, 1921.....	2.18

Total	\$31.32
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Books purchased of Library Book House....	24
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Respectfully submitted,
 ALEXANDER McLEAN,
 TRACY A. EATON,
 HARRIETT E. WHITAKER,
Library Trustees.

DORIS M. FLAGG,
Librarian.

REPORT OF SCHOOL BOARD.

For school year from Sept. 1, 1919, to Aug. 31, 1920.

SALARIES OF OFFICERS.

John T. Smith	\$25.00
Harriet E. Whitaker	25.00
Albert B. Eaton	25.00
Nellie F. Amsden	10.00
Fred W. Hill, auditor	1.50
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	\$86.50

SUPERINTENDENT'S SALARY.

A. B. Eaton, treasurer of Union District, No. 63.	\$20.00
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EXPENSES OF ADMINISTRATION.

C. G. Amsden, postage.....	\$1.62
Edson C. Eastman, order books.....	2.10
Louis DeWitt, record	8.40
Milford Cabinet, office supplies	3.35
A. B. Eaton, time and carfare to Concord, tele- phone	13.58
R. P. Currier, postage, telephone, trip to Keene..	5.97
J. L. Hammett, office cards.....	.40
Harriet E. Whitaker, postage and telephone....	1.93
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	\$37.35

TEACHERS' SALARIES.

Fall.

Bertha L. Blood, 12 weeks at \$18 per week.....	\$216.00
Anna B. Grady, 12 weeks at \$18 per week.....	216.00
Alice Wright, 12 weeks at \$15.....	180.00
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	\$612.00

Winter.

Bertha L. Blood, 11 weeks at \$18 per week.....	\$198.00
Anna B. Grady, 11 weeks at \$18 per week.....	198.00
Alice Wright, 11 weeks at \$15 per week.....	165.00
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	\$561.00

Spring.

Bertha L. Blood, 13 weeks at \$18 per week.....	\$234.00
Anna B. Grady, 11½ weeks at \$18 per week.....	205.20
Alice Wright, 13 weeks at \$15 per week.....	195.00
Harriet E. Whitaker, 6 days	21.60
Donald Carmichael, 2 days.....	7.20
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	\$663.00
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Total	\$1,836.00

TEXT-BOOKS.

Benjamin Sanborn & Co.	\$4.67
Houghton, Mifflin & Co.....	1.20
Chas. Merrill Co.	1.32
MacMillan Co.	4.82
Hinds, Hayden, Eldridge	2.52
American Book Co.	26.87
Ginn & Co.	3.60
Silver, Burdett Co.	5.17
Barnes & Co.	13.26
Roe, Peterson & Co.	6.01
J. P. Lippincott	2.11
Scott, Foresman Co.	1.83
D. Heath & Co.	8.11
J. T. Smith, express on books.....	.53
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	\$82.02

SCHOLARS' SUPPLIES.

E. E. Babb & Co.	\$22.76
J. L. Hammett	60.35
Milton, Bradley Co.	9.78
C. E. Blake	1.35
S. N. Center & Son.....	1.50
Record Print60
J. T. Smith, express	1.76
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	\$98.10

JANITOR SERVICE.

J. W. Wharff, Center school.....	\$72.00
Alice Helsten	12.00
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	\$84.00

FUEL.

Guy F. Washburn, sawing 10 cords wood.....	\$12.50
J. W. Wharff, splitting wood.....	4.50
A. W. Brown, load hard wood.....	6.00
A. L. Churchill, four cords wood.....	48.00
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	\$71.00

WATER AND JANITOR SUPPLIES.

S. N. Center & Son, brush	\$0.35
E. E. Babb & Co., 5 gals. floor oil.....	3.75
A. B. Eaton, pail, toilet paper and broom.....	3.50
J. T. Smith, express and freight.....	2.01
J. W. Wharff, supplies	1.50
United Sweeping Corporation, dustbane.....	4.00
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	\$15.11

MINOR REPAIRS AND EXPENSES.

E. S. Kennedy, painting blackboards.....	\$2.00
Harriet E. Whitaker, window glass and clock....	1.97
Mrs. Helsten, cleaning room.....	2.00
E. L. Churchill, work at No. 6.....	3.00
A. B. Eaton:	
Paint, brush, chair seats, painting wagon, oil-	
ing floors, etc.	6.90
Sanitary work, lumber for trough	3.50
Side seats and labor on school wagons.....	7.00
J. T. Smith, sanitary work.....	1.50
Mrs. Wiik, cleaning room.....	2.00
Blanchard & Gould, lumber.....	2.42
H. Cloutier, work on wagon.....	12.63
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	\$44.92

MEDICAL INSPECTION.

B. D. Pease	\$25.00
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TRANSPORTATION OF PUPILS.

Fred E. Jackson, 21 $1/5$ weeks at \$9 per week	\$190.80
John T. Smith, 3x5 week at \$9 per week. ...	5.40
James W. Wharff, 10 $2/5$ weeks at \$15.....	156.00
A. B. Eaton, 23 weeks at \$9; 10 $3/5$ weeks at \$15	366.00
A. G. Sargent, 21 $3/5$ weeks at \$10; 10 $3/5$ weeks at \$15.....	375.00
Board of Beatrice Beck, 4 weeks.....	14.00
A. B. Eaton, use of wagon.....	10.00
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	\$1,117.20

HIGH SCHOOL TUITION.

Town of Townsend, Mass.....	\$150.00
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NEW EQUIPMENT.

Sleigh	\$15.00
Two wagons at \$50.....	100.00
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	\$115.00

STATE TAX.

Tax for state-wide supervision (\$2 per capita)	\$84.00
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SUMMARY OF SCHOOL EXPENSES.

For Year Ending August 31, 1920.

Salaries of officers.....	\$86.50
Superintendent's excess salary.....	20.00
Expenses of administration.....	37.35
Teachers' salaries	1,836.00
Text-books	82.02
Scholars' supplies	98.10
Janitor service	84.00
Fuel	71.00
Water and janitor supplies.....	15.11
Minor repairs and expenses.....	44.92
Medical inspection	25.00
Transportation of pupils.....	1,117.20
High school tuition.....	150.00
New equipment	115.00
State tax	84.00
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	\$3,866.20

Respectfully submitted,
 HARRIET E. WHITAKER,
 ALBERT B. EATON,
 GEORGE E. GERMER,
School Board of Mason.

SUMMARY OF SCHOOL EXPENSES.

From September 1, 1920, to February 1, 1921.

Superintendent's salary	\$45.45
School census .....	.6
Expense of administration.....	66.82
Text-books	43.84
Teachers' salaries	1,460.00
Scholars' supplies	88.30
Other expenses of instruction.....	48.24
Janitor service	28.50
Fuel	42.00
Water, janitor supplies.....	6.09
Minor repairs and expenses.....	36.12
Medical inspection	25.00
Transportation'	877.00
High school tuition	138.00
Alteration of old buildings.....	343.68
New equipment	89.95
State tax (\$2 per capita).....	102.00
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	\$3,441.59

SALARIES OF TEACHERS.

At Center—

Miss Gertrude Messerve is paid \$26 per week.

Miss Bertha L. Blood is paid \$22 per week.

At No. 6—

Mrs. Alice Wright is paid \$25 per week.

COST OF TRANSPORTATION.

J. W. Wharff is paid \$15 per week.

A. G. Sargent is paid \$15 per week.

A. B. Eaton is paid \$15 per week.

F. E. Jackson is paid \$5 per week.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF SCHOOL DISTRICT

From April 1 to September 1, 1920.

Balance on hand, as stated.....	\$251.39
Receipts from other sources.....	1,534.03
Total	<hr/> \$1,785.42
Payments on 67 orders drawn by school com- mittee	1,633.81
Balance	<hr/> \$151.61

Respectfully submitted,
JAMES E. WILSON,
District Treasurer.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

MASON, N. H., February 8, 1921.

Having examined the reports of school board and district treasurer, I find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

F. W. HILL,
Auditor.

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT.

Estimated expenditures for the school year Sept. 1, 1921 to Sept. 1, 1922, and recommendations of sum to be assessed for the support of schools.

I. Budget (School Money)

Cost of Instruction—

Teachers' salaries	\$2,628.00
Text-books	75.00
Scholars' supplies	100.00
Other expenses of instruction.....	15.00
Flags and appurtenances	10.00

Operation and Maintenance of School Plant—

Janitor service	100.00
Fuel	160.00
Water, light and janitors' supplies....	20.00
Minor repairs and expenses.....	60.00

Auxiliary Agencies and Special Activities—

Medical inspection	25.00
Other special activities	5.00
Transportation	1,620.00

\$4,818.00

Estimate of the amount of a \$5 tax on the 1921 inventory, \$1,731.

II. Requirements to Meet Budget

For support of elementary schools (\$5 tax)	\$1,731.00
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Local funds to be applied to payment of High School tuitions.

III. School Board Report of Assessment Required

For support of schools and the purchase of required books, supplies and flags \$1,731.00
 Estimate of \$3.50 tax on 1921 inventory \$1,212 (Minimum amount required by law). Estimate of additional sums needed, \$519.

For payment of the per capita tax (\$2 per pupil) \$100.00

IV. Additional Sums Recommended by the School Board to be Appropriated

Salaries of district officers..... \$86.50
 Superintendent's excess salary 48.00
 Other expenses of administration..... 50.00
 Truant officer and school census..... 10.00

\$2,025.00

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

To the School Committee of Mason:

Herewith I submit my second annual report as Superintendent of your schools.

There has been but one change in our teaching force this year. Miss Anna Grady resigned as teacher of the grammar grades at the Centre and Miss Gertrude Meserve was elected to take charge of the school at the beginning of the fall term. Miss Meserve, who has had several years of experience as a teacher in the Maine schools, has filled her position very satisfactorily. She has not only given the children thorough drilling in the fundamentals but has adapted herself to the work of teaching elementary science and has proven to be a good organizer of school activities. The children in Miss Blood's room, who have been in regular attendance at school, have also made good progress this year. Miss Blood

is handicapped in her work, especially with children of the first grade, because of frequent absences. While this may be unavoidable on the part of parents it is nevertheless very detrimental to class progress and discouraging to a teacher who is anxious to see all of her pupils promoted at the end of the year. The town, and district number six in particular, is indeed fortunate in having as teacher a woman of Mrs. Wright's experience and qualifications. The children at number six have made remarkably good progress, and in many ways the school is a model of excellence.

Little change has been made in the program of studies for the seventh and eighth grades except that more attention has been given this year to the work in general science. A beginning has been made by the purchase of a small amount of equipment, and much interest has been evidenced, particularly by the boys, in delving into the laws of nature and finding out why and how things work. Drill in the fundamentals occupies most of the time and examination of pupils discloses the fact that Mason boys and girls compare very favorably with the children in other schools. New geographies have been purchased this year and it is to be hoped that new grammars and arithmetics will come next.

The work of the children in gardening this year was especially commendable. A large entry of vegetables was made at the district fair in Wilton last fall, and the second prize, which was offered by Advance Grange of Wilton, was won by the Mason schools. The prize, a beautiful portrait of George Washington, has been placed in the grammar school room. Clyde Eaton and George Marceau were close rivals for first honors in gardening each one raising about \$35 worth of vegetables. The total value of the school gardens was \$180.51. We all appreciated the efforts made last fall by the Grange and Parent Teacher Association in holding an exhibit for the children. Let's have a regular old-fashioned fair next fall and see if we cannot fill the town hall with vegetables and other exhibits.

The partial remodelling of the schoolhouse in number six district has removed the main defects of the building, and is greatly appreciated by teacher and pupils. Practically all of the light now comes from the pupils' left and rear and a strong light is thrown on the blackboard which the pupils face. In the primary room at the Centre the seats and desks have been turned so that the children no longer are obliged to face a window. This is a temporary expedient to afford better lighting, but it is hoped that no further alterations will be necessary at present.

Inasmuch as Mason is dependent very largely on state aid, it may be well to discuss very briefly this subject. The amount approved by the State Board of Education for support of schools in Mason is \$2870.08. Of this amount \$1,530.07 is sure to be sent as it is Mason's share of the sum appropriated two years ago by the legislature. The balance, \$1340.01, will be sent later, provided the present legislature vote to raise the deficit which the State Board has asked for. With the allowance already made we shall be able to run our schools about twenty-eight weeks. If the legislature does not raise the balance the School Board will probably ask the district to raise money at the next school meeting to pay bills which they have legally contracted. In the face of this uncertainty concerning our finances it seems advisable to postpone the school meeting until after such time as it is definitely known not only what action the legislature has taken in regard to the deficit for this year, but also in regard to state aid for next year. If state aid is withdrawn it will be extremely difficult for Mason to maintain its present standard of schools, and it is likely that the Board will wish to revise the budget for next year as printed in its report.

Following is a summary of the report of the medical inspector, Dr. B. D. Pease. Number of pupils examined, 39; teachers examined, 3; number of cases found by the examiner of: defective vision, 3; pediculosis, 10; defective teeth, 35; hypertrophied tonsils, 21; unvaccinated, 20; unvaccinated

without proper excuse, 20. Total number defects remedied since last examination, 6. Total instances treatment secured since last examination, 6. The facts disclosed in this report are rather startling and demand careful consideration on the part of parents. Before another examination is made let us hope that many of these defects may be remedied.

I have enjoyed my work in the Mason schools and have found the teachers and School Board ever ready to co-operate with me. May I also express my appreciation of the helpful activities in the interest of the schools of the Parent-Teachers Association and Grange.

Respectfully submitted,
R. P. CURRIER,
Superintendent of Schools.

TABLE OF ATTENDANCE FOR SCHOOL YEAR, 1919-1920.

School.	Total Enrollment.	Boys.	Girls.	Average Attendance	Average Absence.	Average Membership.	Per Cent of Attendance.	Number of Tardinesses.
Dist. No. 6.....	16	7	9	14.4	1.39	15.79	91.19	23
Primary	22	10	12	13	2	15	86.66	10
Grammar	16	5	11	11.33	1.75	13.08	94.26	16
Totals	54	22	32	38.73	5.14	43.87	88.28	49

ENROLLMENT AND RECORD ATTENDANCE FOR PRESENT SCHOOL YEAR.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total.	Per Cent Attendance.	Tardinesses.
Primary	6	7	1	2					16	80.08	6
Grammar					7	6	1	6	20	89.86	3
Dist. No. 6...	2	7	2		5	3			19	90.31	5
Totals ...									55	86.41	14

BIRTHS.

Registered in Town of Mason, year ending Dec. 31, 1920.

Date. Name of Child. Name of Father and Maiden Name of Mother.

- Feb 7. Helen Madeline; Daniel DeRoche and Ella J. Butler. Howland Me., and Mason, N. H.
- Mar. 11. Caldwell Elmer; Elmer C. Melvin and Dora B. Elliott. Manchester, N. H., and Mason, N. H.
- June 7. Robert Lawrence; Reuben S. Winter and Josephine Lawrance. Fitchburg, Mass.
6. Frances Louise; Joseph B. Beck and Josephine A. Lawrance. No. Brookfield, Mass., and Ashburnham, Mass.
- Nov. 7. Arthur Benjamin; Gousto Oikelmus and Alma Hannen. Finland.

DEATHS.

Registered in Town of Mason, year ending Dec. 31, 1920.

Date. Name and Age. Name of Father and Maiden Name of Mother.

- Jan. 31. Jennie C. Adams, 63 years.
- Feb. 23. Levi A. Davis, 71 years. Samuel H. Davis and
Jane Thorburn. Shelburne and Sonora, N. S.
23. Lucy E. Goodwin, 78 years. Daniel Goodwin and
Lucy A. Shute. Londonderry and Derry.
28. John E. Davis, 75 years. Samuel H. Davis and
Jane Thorburn. Shelburne, N. S.
- Mar. 1. Bertha M. Tarbell, 39 years. James B. Tarbell
and Angeline Elliott. New Durham and Ma-
son.
13. Charles B. Goodwin, 69 years. Daniel Goodwin
and Bertha Boynton. Londonderry and Pepper-
ell.
- May 3. Caroline B. Reed, 90 years.
- Sept. 9. Hattie A. Whitaker, 73 years. Otis Childs and
Joanna Bachelder. Upton, Mass., and Mason.
- Dec. 14. Henry B. Hosmer, 82 years. Amos Hosmer and
Abigail Barrett. Concord, Mass., and Mason.

I hereby certify this record is correct to the best of my
knowledge and belief.

JAMES E. WILSON,

Town Clerk.

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